

Sagstrom, Henderson and Hataoka tie for second

Law shoots 67 in wire-to-wire win at Kingsmill

Na cruises to 4-shot win at Colonial with final-round 66

Tanigawa rallies to clinch Senior PGA Championship title

FORT WORTH, Texas, May 27, (AP): Kevin Na always believed he could win at Colonial, so he paused to visualize his name on the wall of champions at the first tee before making another run at it.

The South Korean-born American will get to read his name on that wall next year.

Na birdied four of the first eight holes and shot a 4-under 66 for a four-shot victory over Tony Finau on Sunday on the cozy course made famous by Ben Hogan, securing his third career PGA Tour win and second in 10 months.

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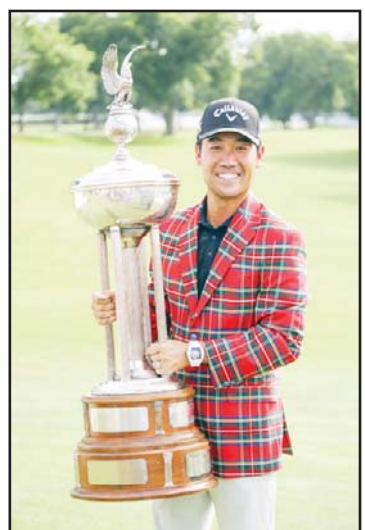
"On the first tee, I saw that wall, looked at the names, right below Justin Rose," Na said, referring to the defending champion. "And in my head, I engraved my name on it. I was just trying to visualize success before I teed off."

Na opened with a two-shot lead and was in front by at least that many for the final 16 holes after putting his second shot inside 5 feet for birdie at the par-4 second. Na finished 13 under after a bow-tying birdie at 18.

The win came after Na put himself in contention with a second-round 62, one off the Colonial record. That low round was a year after tying that course-record 61 in the final round to finish fourth.

Na, who has made 10 cuts in 11 Colonial appearances since withdrawing in the first round of his debut in 2004, had three scores of 62 or better in a span of six rounds. Then he added a pair of solid scores that were more than enough to keep anybody from getting close.

Local favorite Jordan Spieth's strong putting disappeared in a 2-over 72 as the Dallas native finished eight shots back to remain without a victory since his third major title at the 2017 British Open.



Kevin Na holds the Leonard Trophy after winning the Charles Schwab Challenge golf tournament on May 26 in Fort Worth, Texas. (AP)



Ken Tanigawa blasts out of a fairway bunker on the 18th hole during the final round of the Senior PGA Championship golf tournament on May 26 in Rochester, New York. (AP)

Jim Furyk's hopes faded when the 2003 US Open champion went in the water for double bogey at the par-3 13th on the way to a 73. The 17-time tour winner's last title was at Hilton Head in 2015.

Finau briefly was within a shot of Na early in the round, and the first-round leader was two back when Na birdied 14 about the same time Finau had a bogey at 16 to push the lead to four. Finau, looking for his second career win three years after his first, closed with a 68.

Andrew Putnam (66) and C.T. Pan (69) finished at 8 under, a stroke ahead of second-round leader Jonas Blixt (68).

In Pittsford, New York, Ken Tanigawa overcame a three-shot deficit on the back nine to pass defending champion Paul Broadhurst and win the Senior PGA Championship on Sunday.

In only his second year on the senior tour and some 15 years after giving up playing professionally, Tanigawa shot an even-par 70 to finish at 3-under 277 at Oak Hill Country Club's East Course. The 51-year-old held off PGA Tour Champions money leader Scott McCarron by a stroke.

Tanigawa scrambled to par the par-4 closing hole after his tee shot landed in a fairway bunker. He chipped out into the fairway, hit his third shot to 12 feet and made the putt.

Playing alongside good friend and former UCLA teammate Tanigawa, McCarron also shot 70. McCarron's bid to force a tie ended when he missed a 25-foot birdie putt about a foot to the left.

Broadhurst, who won the major at Harbor Shores in southwest Michigan last year, began the day with a two-shot lead, but had a 75 to finish third at 1 under. His chance to force a tie ended when he missed a lengthy birdie putt and then settled for a bogey.



WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia, May 27, (AP): Bronte Law was scuffling, missing fairways off the tee and scrambling for pars while a host of challengers tried to play catch-up.

A 15-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole finally brought relief.

"It was definitely a relief," she said after winning the Pure Silk Championship for her first career LPGA Tour victory.

"I'd hit a really good putt on the previous hole before and it kind of hit a spike mark," she said about her sixth consecutive par. "I thought it was middle center and didn't make that one."

Law closed with a 3-under 67 to win by two shots.

The 24-year-old Englishwoman, a former star at UCLA, held a share of the lead after all four rounds and finished with a 17-under 267 total on the River Course at the Kingsmill Resort.

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"It was a grind," Law said.

Madelene Sagstrom, Brooke Henderson and third-round co-leader Nasa Hataoka tied for second. Sagstrom shot 66, Henderson 68 and Hataoka 69.

Law, who came from 10 shots back on the last day to get into a playoff in the LPGA Mediheal Championship three weeks ago in Daly City, California, doubled her lead with the birdie on No. 16. Two-putt pars on the last two holes capped the victory in her 56th career start.

"It feels surreal to be honest after coming so close," she said.

It is also, she said, a nice way to finish the week leading up to the US Women's Open next week in Charleston, South Carolina.

After the close call, "to be in contention and (for it) to be that very next time out playing was really cool and shows me that I can compete at the top on a weekly basis, which is the whole goal out there," she said. "This was the



Bronte Law, of England, holds the winner's trophy after winning the Pure Silk Championship golf tournament at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia on May 26. (AP)

perfect way to prepare, I guess."

Sagstrom's approach to the par-4 18th hit the flagstick, bounced straight down and then bounded well away. She then two-putted, preserving Law's lead.

While her ball was in flight, Sagstrom said, she was thinking, "Oh, that looks really, really good. Then I heard it hit and I was like, 'Please don't bounce off.' I was like, I mean, I couldn't hit it more perfect."

"I was excited about the shot anyway."

Wei-Ling Hsu, who had an eagle, seven birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey in a 66, finished fifth.

Law got a nice break on the par-4 eighth hole when she hit her drive well right, but it bounced off a steep slope back into the center of the fairway. She hit her approach to 6 feet and made it to lead by three, then hit three more drives well right, but lost just one shot.

Sagstrom, also seeking her first career victory, got within one at No. 15 with a birdie, but missed makeable birdie putts on the next two holes before the bad luck on the finishing hole.

Milestones beckon for Malinga in WCup swansong

England crush Afghanistan in World Cup warmup

LONDON, May 27, (RTRS): England cruised to a nine-wicket win over Afghanistan in their final World Cup warmup at The Oval on Monday after a Jofra Archer-led bowling attack restricted the underdogs to 160.

Opener Jason Roy smashed an unbeaten 46-ball 89, studded with 11 fours and four sixes, and Joe Root finished on 29 not out as England chased down the total with 32.3 overs to spare.

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After defeat to Australia in their previous warmup game, Roy was pleased with his team's all-round display ahead of Thursday's World Cup opener against South Africa at the same venue.

"I am feeling really good. I want the tournament to start now. It was a good preparation leading into Thursday (opening World Cup match)," Roy said.

"We want to be doing this on Thursday and doing it throughout the whole tournament. The World Cup can't come soon enough."

After England captain Eoin Morgan won the toss and opted to field, Archer and Root's part-time off-spin delivered three wickets apiece in bowler-friendly conditions.

Barbados-born fast bowler Archer struck twice with the new ball, drawing a top edge from Hazratullah Zazai before wicketkeeper-batsman Rahmat Shah holed out to mid-on.

The wheels came off the Afghanistan innings when they lost four wickets in the space of just eight deliveries, with Hashmatullah Shahidi (19) and



England's Jason Roy returns a shot during the Cricket World Cup warmup match between England and Afghanistan at the Oval in London on May 27. (AP)

Najibullah Zadran (1) carelessly run out.

Captain Gulbadin Naib (14) was caught at long-on to Moeen Ali and Rashid Khan edged Root to slip for a golden duck. Root claimed his third wicket as Aftab Alam chipped straight to point.

Mohammad Nabi offered some resistance with a 42-ball 44, which included three sixes, but he was the last man out when a thick edge off Archer found Jonny Bairstow at deep third-man.

Earlier in the day, England's medical department delivered some positive news as seamer Mark Wood was declared fit to face South Africa.

The 29-year-old Durham bowler had left the field after feeling discomfort in his left foot against Australia but scans have shown no sign of injury.

Meanwhile, Lasith Malinga's once-express pace has dropped as Father Time has caught up with the right-arm quick, but his guile should propel him to a few individual milestones at his fourth and final Cricket World Cup.

Malinga, who turns 36 in August, is on the cusp of breaking into the all-time top-10 one-day international wicket takers, with his tally of 322 just one behind former teammate Sanath Jayasuriya.

Muttiah Muralitharan heads the list with 534 wickets.

Malinga has also taken three ODI hat tricks and is the only player to have achieved the milestone twice during a World Cup.

His first World Cup hat trick was when he dismissed four South African batsmen in four balls in Guyana in 2007 – the only player to have

achieved that feat in the tournament.

He then took another hat trick against Kenya four years later in Colombo and while he said it would be nice to add a third in England and Wales, he is just keen on taking wickets when Sri Lanka start their campaign against New Zealand in Cardiff on June 1.

"I know I've got the skills to take wickets and (that) gives me confidence," Malinga told the International Cricket Council website. "One of the things I like about playing in England is you have to adapt to every condition."

"It could be really hot or quite cold and that is a real test of your skill as a bowler."

"Why can't I get another hat trick? I will be trying and that would be special."

Malinga has already said that his fourth Cricket World Cup will be his last, with him targeting an international retirement after the World Twenty20 tournament in Australia next year.

He will however still anchor the pace attack with his ability to bowl fast swinging yorkers and well-directed bouncer and disguise changes in pace.

The 1996 champions have struggled in the 50-over format this year, having lost eight of their nine completed matches, with their only victory against Scotland in Edinburgh.

Malinga, however, felt the side could surprise opposition teams in the round-robin format.

"In previous years perhaps we had bigger names but these guys are very talented and they are looking forward to proving themselves and making people notice them," he said.

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